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# INVENTORY WORKSHEET

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**RE:** Jay David Whittaker Chambers

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162	12/10/48	Bureau letter to New York (Lab Report)	2	Yes	
163	12/10/48	Bureau letter to Washington Field Office (Lab Report)	1	Yes	
164	12/10/48	Bureau letter to Washington Field Office (Lab Report)	1	Yes	
165	12/10/48	Bureau letter to Washington Field Office (Lab Report)	1	Yes	
166	12/13/48	Memo to SA A. J. McGrath to SAC, New York	1	No	Release in full
167	12/13/48	Bureau letter to Philadelphia (Lab Report)	1	Yes	
168	12/14/48	Memo of ASAC Belmont to SAC, New York	3	No	Release in full
169	12/13/48	Memo of ASAC Belmont to SAC, New York	2	No	Release in full
170	12/13/48	New York teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
171	12/13/48	New York teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
172	12/13/48	Bureau letter to Washington Field Office	4	Yes	
173	12/13/48	Philadelphia letter to Bureau	1	Yes	



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174	12/13/48	Bureau letter to Washington Field Office (Lab Report)	1	Yes	
175	12/14/48	New York Memo of SA John T. Hilsbos	1	No	Release in full
176	12/13/48	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
177	12/14/48	New York Memo of ASAC A. H. Belmont	2	No	Release in full
178	12/14/48	New York Memo of SA Plant and O'Keefe	2	No	Release in full
179	12/14/48	New York Memo of ASAC Belmont	2	No	Release in full
180	12/14/48	Baltimore teletype to Bureau	2	Yes	
181	12/14/48	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	4	Yes	
182	12/14/48	New York teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
183	12/14/48	New York teletype to Bureau	5	Yes	
184	12/14/48	New York teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
185	12/14/48	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	3	Yes	

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186	12/14/48	Chicago teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
187	12/14/48	New York teletype to Bureau and Baltimore	1	Yes	
188	12/14/48	Baltimore teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
188 A	12/14/48	New York letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
189	12/14/48	Philadelphia teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
190	12/10/48	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
191	12/14/48	New York Memo of SA Albert J. Tuohy	1	No	Release in full
192	12/12/48	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
193	12/13/48	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
194	12/13/48	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
195	12/13/48	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
196	12/13/48	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	Yes	

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197	12/13/48	Bureau letter to Milwaukee (Lab Report)	2	Yes	
198	12/13/48	Bureau letter to Milwaukee (Lab Report)	2	Yes	
199	12/14/48	New York Memo of ASAC Belmont	1	No	Release in full
200	12/13/48	Bureau letter to St. Louis (Lab Report)	1	Yes	
201	12/13/48	Baltimore letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
202	12/14/48	Bureau letter to New York (Lab Report)	1	Yes	
203	12/14/48	Milwaukee letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
204	12/14/48	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	2	Yes	
205	12/14/48	Milwaukee letter to Bureau	2	Yes	
206	12/14/48	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
207	12/14/48	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
208	12/15/48	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	

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209	12/15/48	New York Memo of SA John R. Lyons	2	No	Release in full
210	12/15/48	New York Memo of ASAC A. H. Belmont	2	No	Release in full
211	12/15/48	New York Memo of ASAC A. H. Belmont	4	No	Release in full
212	12/15/48	Philadelphia teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
213	12/14/48	New York teletype to Bureau	2	Yes	
214	12/14/48	New York letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
215	12/14/48	Baltimore Report of SA Frank G. Johnstone	38	Yes	
216	12/15/48	Complaint Form	3	No	Release in full
217	12/15/48	New York Memo of SA J. T. Hilsbos	1	No	Release in full
218	12/15/48	New York Memo of SA J. J. Hilsbos	1	No	Release in full
219	12/15/48	New York Memo of ASAC A. H. Belmont	1	No	Release in full
220	12/15/48	New York teletype to Bureau	3	Yes	

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220 A	12/15/48	New York of SA A. J. Tuohy	3	No	Release in full
221	12/15/48	Bureau teletype to New York	1	Yes	
222	12/15/48	Bureau teletype to New York	2	Yes	
223	12/15/48	Milwaukee teletype to Bureau	3	Yes	
224	12/15/48	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	3	Yes	
225	12/15/48	Baltimore teletype to Bureau	2	Yes	
225 A	12/15/48	New York teletype to Bureau	4	Yes	
226	12/15/48	New York teletype to Bureau	2	Yes	
227	12/15/48	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
228	12/15/48	New York Memo of ASAC Belmont	1	No	Release in full
229	12/15/48	New York Memo of ASAC Belmont	1	No	Release in full
230	12/15/48	Bureau letter to New York	2	Yes	



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230 A	12/15/48	New York teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
231	12/15/48	Bureau letter to Washington Field Office (Lab Report)	1	Yes	
232	12/15/48	Bureau letter to Philadelphia (Lab Report)	1	Yes	
233	12/15/48	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
234	12/16/48	Denver teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
235	12/16/48	Baltimore teletype to Bureau	3	Yes	
236	12/16/48	New York Memo of ASAC Belmont	1	No	Release in full
237	12/16/48	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	1	Yes	
238	12/16/48	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	1	Yes	
239	12/16/48	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	1	Yes	
240	12/16/48	Baltimore teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
241	12/16/48	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	

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242	12/16/48	New York teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
243	12/16/48	New York teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
244	12/16/48	New York teletype to Bureau	2	Yes	
245	12/16/48	New York teletype to Bureau	2	Yes	
246	12/16/48	New York teletype to Bureau	2	Yes	
247	12/16/48	New York teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
248	12/16/48	New York teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
249	12/16/48	New York teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
250	12/16/48	Philadelphia teletype to Bureau	2	Yes	
251	12/16/48	Bureau teletype to New York	2	Yes	
252	12/17/48	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
253	12/15/48	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	

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254	12/15/48	Baltimore Letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
255	12/16/48	New York Memo of ASAC Belmont	1	No	Release in full
256	12/16/48	Bureau teletype to New York	2	Yes	
257	12/16/48	New York teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
258	12/16/48	New York Memo of ASAC Belmont	1	No	Release in full
259	12/15/48	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
260	12/16/48	New York letter to Denver	1	Yes	
261	12/16/48	New York Memo of ASAC Belmont	2	No	Release in full
262	12/16/48	New York Memo of ASAC Belmont	1	No	Release in full
263	12/16/48	New York Memo of Supervisor Tuohy	1	No	Release in full
264	12/16/48	New York teletype to Bureau	4	Yes	
264 A	12/15/48	Bureau letter to New York (Lab Report)	1	Yes	



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265	12/15/48	Bureau letter to Milwaukee (Lab Report)	1	Yes	
266	12/15/48	Bureau letter to Washington Field Office (Lab Report)	1	Yes	
267	12/15/48	Bureau letter to Washington Field Office (Lab Report)	1	Yes	
268	12/15/48	Baltimore letter to Bureau	2	Yes	
269	12/16/48	Washington Field Office letter to Washington Field Office (Lab Report)	1	Yes	
270	12/17/48	Washington teletype to New York	1	Yes	
271	12/17/48	Chicago teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
272	12/17/48	Richmond teletype to Bureau	2	Yes	
273	12/17/48	New York teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
274	12/17/48	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	1	Yes	
275	12/17/48	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	2	Yes	
276	12/17/48	New York Memo of ASAC Belmont	1	No	Release in full

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277	12/17/48	New York letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
278	12/17/48	New York letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
279	12/17/48	New York teletype to Bureau	4	Yes	
280	12/17/48	New York teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
281	12/17/48	New York Memo of Supervisor Tuohy	1	No	Release in full
282	12/17/48	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	1	Yes	
283	12/17/48	Bureau letter to New York	1	Yes	
284	12/17/48	Norfolk teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
285	12/18/48	Philadelphia teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
286	12/18/48	Boston teletype to Bureau	2	Yes	
287	12/18/48	New York teletype to Bureau	2	Yes	
288	12/18/48	Norfolk teletype to Bureau	2	Yes	

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289	12/18/48	Bureau teletype to New York	5	Yes	
290	12/18/48	Detroit teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
291	12/19/48	New York teletype to Bureau	5	Yes	
292	12/19/48	New York Memo of SA Chas. R. Monticone	2	No	Release in full
293	12/19/49	New York Memo of SA Chas. R. Monticone	1	No	Release in full
294	12/19/48	New York Memo of SA Chas. R. Monticone	1	No	Release in full
295	12/19/48	New York Memo of SA Thomas G. Spencer	1	No	Release in full
296	12/19/48	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
297	12/17/48	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
298	12/20/48	Philadelphia teletype to Bureau	2	Yes	
299	12/20/48	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
300	12/20/48	Washington Field Office teletype to Baltimore	1	Yes	

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301	12/17/77	Denver teletype to New York	1	Yes	
302	12/17/77	Baltimore teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
303	12/19/77	New York Memo of SA Edward F. Stiles	1	No	Release in full
304	12/17/77	Charlotte letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
305	12/17/77	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
306	12/17/77	Bureau teletype to Denver	1	Yes	
307	12/17/77	(Lab Report) Bureau letter to Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
308	12/20/48	New York teletype to Bureau	5	Yes	
309	12/20/48	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	2	Yes	
310	12/20/48	Bureau teletype to New York	1	Yes	
311	12/20/48	Bureau teletype to New York	1	Yes	
312	12/20/48	Detroit teletype to Bureau	3	Yes	

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313	12/20/48	New York Memo of ASAC Belmont	2	No	Release in full
314	12/20/48	New York Memo of ASAC Belmont	2	No	Release in full
315	12/20/48	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
316	12/20/48	Philadelphia teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
317	12/20/48	Chicago teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
318	12/20/48	Philadelphia teletype to Bureau	2	Yes	
319	12/20/48	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
320	12/20/48	Baltimore teletype to Bureau	3	Yes	
321	12/13/48	New York letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
322	12/15/48	Bureau letter to Baltimore (Lab Report)	1	Yes	
323	12/16/48	Bureau letter to Washington Field Office (Lab Report)	1	Yes	
324	12/17/48	New York teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	



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325	12/20/48	New York Memo of SA A. J. McGrath	1	No	Release in full
326	12/20/48	New York Memo of SA A. J. Tuohy	2	No	Release in full
327	12/20/48	New York Memo of SA A. J. Tuohy	2	No	Release in full
328	12/20/48	New York Memo of SA A. J. McGrath	1	No	Release in full
329	12/20/48	New York teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
330	12/20/48	New York Memo of SA A. J. Tuohy	2	No	Release in full
331	12/20/48	New York teletype to Washington	3	Yes	
332	12/20/48	New York teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
333	12/20/48	New York teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
334	12/20/48	New York Memo of SA A. J. McGrath	1	No	Release in full
335	12/17/48	Philadelphia report of SA James L. Kirkland	12	Yes	
336	12/20/48	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	Yes	

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338	12/20/48	Philadelphia letter to Milwaukee	1	No	Release in full
339	12/20/48	Bureau letter to Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
340	12/20/48	Lab Report - Transferred to Sub E		Yes	
341	12/20/48	(Lab Report) Bureau letter to Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
342	12/20/48	(Lab Report) Bureau letter to Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
343	12/20/48	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
344	12/20/48	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
345	12/20/48	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	Yes	



United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
New York, 7, New York

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December 13, 1948

Memo:

Re: Jay David Whittaker Chambers was,  
Perjury, I.S. - R.

Bureau Supervisor J. EARL MILNES telephonically contacted the writer, and stated that R.C. FREEMAN of the laboratory and S.A. COURTLAND JONES of the W.F.O. will take the Penn. R.R. 1AM train 12/14/48 arriving New York City 6AM same date.

He stated JONES will bring the specimens obtained from the school and inquired whether MR. BELMONT thought that copies of the material furnished the laboratory for comparison would suffice as FREEMAN was reluctant to bring the original material furnished as it came from the Attorney General.

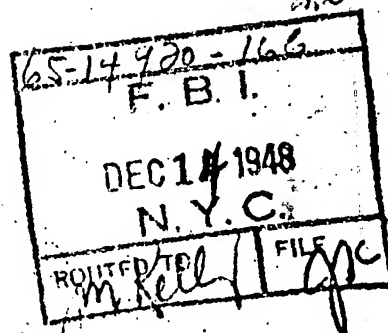
MILNES stated that BUD JONES was sure that ALGER HISS went to work for the State Department the day after he left the Justice Department namely September 1, 1936, but would check the records to be absolutely sure. — *Correct gpc*

The foregoing related to ASAC A.H. BELMONT who stated copies of the material would suffice. MILNES so notified by the writer.

A.J. McGrath  
Special Agent

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AJMcG: pcg





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12/14/48

On the morning of December 14th, I spoke to Mr. Ken DeLavigne of the Washington Field office. I referred to teletype dated December 13th from that office dealing with VLADIMIR V. DeSVESHNIKOFF. I requested that the investigation of SVESHNIKOFF be pursued promptly in order that arrangements could be made to interview him and get him before the Grand Jury before Thursday, if this appeared desirable. I further inquired whether the comparison of State Department documents with the documents turned over by CHAMBERS at Baltimore has been completed. Mr. DeLavigne advised this was being done by the Washington Field office and had been 90% completed and in each instance so far, it had been found that the document produced by CHAMBERS at Baltimore was either an excerpt or summary from an official State Department document. Mr. DeLavigne was of the opinion that for this to be brought out before the Grand Jury, it would be necessary to subpoena a State Department representative who had possession of the records. I requested that he furnish the name of the appropriate official so that a subpoena could be directed to that official.

I inquired of Mr. DeLavigne whether attempts had been made to interview FRANCIS B. SAYRE, ANNABELLE NEWCOMB and Miss LINCOLN, who reportedly were the only persons in the same section with HISS in the State Department. He advised that SAYRE and NEWCOMB are in Europe at the present time and that Miss LINCOLN is being interviewed this morning and the results would be made known to us immediately.

At 9:40 am on 12/14/48, I called Mr. H. B. Fletcher to advise him that in our discussion with Mr. FEEHAN, the laboratory representative who came up from the Bureau to testify on the typewriting in the letter written by HISS to the Landon School on September 9, 1936, had advised us that he also identified one of the letters sent in by the New York office as being written on the same machine. Examination of this letter reflected that it is a letter dated January, 1933 from HISS to an insurance company, and is one of the letters turned over to SA Frank O'Brien of this office by Mr. McLEAN, attorney for HISS, several days ago. At that time, Mr. McLEAN advised that these letters had been obtained by him from the effects of ALGER HISS. I pointed out to Mr. Fletcher that this meant, of course, that HISS could no longer claim that the typewriting was done on a State Department typewriter as HISS was not connected with the State Department in 1933.

I also advised Mr. Fletcher that ADOLF BERLE is coming before the Grand Jury today and it becomes pertinent for us to know when the Bureau received BERLE's notes. I pointed out that the Bureau had sent us BERLE's notes by letter dated January 29, 1945, entitled "WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was., INTERNAL SECURITY - R" (Bureau file 100-25824), and I wanted to know when

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the Bureau received these notes from BERLE in order to refute any possible effort on the part of BERLE to say before the Grand Jury that he had turned this information over to the FBI immediately after his interview with CHAMBERS in September, 1939. Mr. Fletcher advised he would check this and call me back at once.

At 10:00 am on 12/14/48, Mr. Fletcher called me back to advise that BERLE furnished the information in question to the FBI in June, 1943, the exact date not known. I asked Mr. Fletcher if the Bureau had BERLE's original notes and he advised me that the Bureau has a typewritten copy of BERLE's original notes. Mr. Fletcher advised that the notes were picked up from BERLE by the Bureau liaison man and Fletcher is of the opinion that BERLE did not turn his original notes over to the Bureau, but turned over copies of his notes.

Mr. STRYNE, Assistant to the Attorney General, was furnished this information immediately in the absence of Mr. Donegan.

A. H. BELMONT  
ASAC



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Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York  
December 13, 1948

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MR. SCHEIDT	FOR VICTORY
MR. BELMONT	BUY
MR. TOLSON	UNITED STATES
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At 4:40 pm today, I called ASAC Lally of the Baltimore office to advise him of the following information obtained as a result of interviewing WHITTAKER CHAMBERS today:

According to CHAMBERS, the automobile of FELIX was a Plymouth, Ford or Chevrolet - a moderate car, probably a black sedan, and probably with Maryland plates. However, CHAMBERS could not be definite about this. CHAMBERS stated that he never met FELIX's wife and believes there were no children. Relative to the camera, CHAMBERS said FELIX did have a Leica camera which possibly he himself gave to FELIX. On the question of whether or not FELIX was Jewish, CHAMBERS said FELIX was not Jewish.

CHAMBERS also gave the following description of FELIX as he knew him in 1937: Weight, 165 to 170 lbs.; height, 5'7½"; round, baby face; CHAMBERS used to call him "Baby Face"; clean shaven; no glasses; neat dresser; wore a black overcoat and gray hat when he knew him; conversed in English; believed by CHAMBERS to have been native born of Baltic origin; in his late 20's or early 30's in 1937. CHAMBERS advised that he knew of no hobbies or any connections FELIX had except he believed FELIX was employed by an electrical firm, not retail therefore probably wholesale. FELIX obtained the job himself and not through the Communist Party. As CHAMBERS recalls it, the firm was located on Howard Street below Fayette and CHAMBERS never saw the firm.

Relative to the residence of FELIX, I advised Mr. Lally that CHAMBERS' first choice was the photograph labeled "Entrance to Konig Street from Linden Avenue". I advised Mr. Lally that CHAMBERS believes FELIX's residence might be in between the two porches with the white pillars. I pointed out to Mr. Lally that CHAMBERS was never in FELIX's apartment so he does not know what apartment it was. His second choice is in the photograph labeled "Konig Street looking east to 2113 Brookfield Avenue". I advised Mr. Lally that CHAMBERS is of the opinion that FELIX's residence is in one of the dwellings across the street from the dead end of Konig Street and may be either one of the houses directly across from Konig or one of the several dwellings just off the corners. Mr. Lally advised that this is where SAMUEL J. PELOVITZ resides. Mr. Lally said Baltimore would check these two locations for information leading to the identification of FELIX.

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I advised Mr. Lally that we had sent a teletype to Baltimore dealing with the unknown photographer KEITH and it in we mentioned that CHAMBERS learned, either from KEITH or Colonel BYKOV, that KEITH was connected with a White Russian named SVIAHISHKOV, a ballistics expert. I inquired of Mr. Lally whether Baltimore was considering making a check at Aberdeen Proving Grounds for someone by this name. Mr. Lally advised that such a check had already been made and that Baltimore agents had contacted everyone who would possibly know this information with the exception of one Colonel who was not in today.

I further informed Mr. Lally that the two RENOs were in New York today; that PHILIP would admit to nothing but that VINCENT had admitted his connection with CHAMBERS. Mr. Lally stated that PHILIP RENO used to live with a Communist named JACK BRINTON, who is now possibly in Colorado and who might possibly be involved in instant affair. Mr. Lally thought we might want to question VINCENT RENO concerning BRINTON. I told him we would do so if VINCENT RENO was still available for questioning.

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PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R

The attached photostats were made from originals furnished by Assistant to Attorney General T.J. DONEGAN. The originals are documents introduced by WHITAKER CHAMBERS during pre-trial examination and libel suit brought against him by ALGAR HISS.

JOHN T. HILSBOS, SA.

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RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
PERJURY  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
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At approximately 5:20PM on the afternoon of December 10th Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau called and I advised him of the latest developments in the case.

I told him that WADLEIGH had gotten hold of an attorney and this attorney advised him to tell everything he knew and that he was being interviewed at that time, by this office. I also advised him that it was my plan to speak with Mr. Donegan and unless advised to the contrary it was not the intention of this office to continue the surveillance of WADLEIGH.

With regard to LAWRENCE DUGGAN who was on the Director's list, I advised Fletcher that he has been interviewed at his residence in Scarsdale. He is Director of the Institute of International Education. He knows HISS fairly well but that HISS never approached him in any manner to work for the Soviets. He said he knew NOEL FIELD as a co-worker in the State Department and lived in the same apartment house with him in 1934 and 1935. He did not consider either one of them Communists. He classed them as New Dealers.

Relative to HEDDY GUMPERT DUGGAN thinks, after being shown the photograph and with a little prompting, he may have met her, but can't recall her too well. He may have been introduced to her by FIELD. He does not recall any talks or conferences with her or any approach by her. He denies absolutely that he ever left Washington to see anyone at her request.

DUGGAN does say, however, that two persons did approach him while he was in the State Department to work for the Soviet Communist International, namely: FREDERICK VANDERBILT FIELD, probably a millionaire who owns the building here in New York where MAX YERGAN and MARCANTONIO have their offices. His wife lives in San Francisco. They are definite contributors to the Communist cause. He was a classmate of DUGGAN at Harvard in



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1927. DUGGAN said that FIELD approached him 1936 or 1937 in Washington. He called him up at the State Department and asked him to come over to the hotel so that they could talk. DUGGAN can't remember the exact wording of the approach, but suffice to say that he got the definite impression he knew that FIELD was asking him to do this work in his official capacity. He turned him off immediately and was never approached again.

The second person was HENRY COLLINS, who has been before the Grand Jury here in New York City. He knew him socially from 1934. In 1937 or 1938 in the month of June he had lunched with COLLINS. During the discussion COLLINS approached him to assist the cause in his official capacity. The exact wording he can't recall but he knew that he was being approached, and again it never came to anything more concrete because he immediately turned it off and he didn't have any <sup>thing</sup> further to do with it.

I advised Fletcher that I was going up to see Mr. Donegan and I thought it likely that the Grand Jury would meet tomorrow and that apparently WADLEIGH will go before the Grand Jury.

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This is to advise that ALEXANDER GREGORY-GRAFF BARMINE was interviewed by the writers today in his office at the "Voice of America, 224 West 57th Street, New York City. Mr. BARMINE was specifically questioned relative to information received by the Bureau to the effect that he had at one time seen a list abroad of Soviet agents operating in the United States and that such list had included the name of ALGER HISS.

Mr. BARMINE denied that he had ever seen such a list or that he had ever seen the name of ALGER HISS on such a list. He did state that he had heard ALGER HISS referred to as being an agent of the Soviet Military Intelligence. In explanation he said that in the early part of 1938 after his own defection from the Soviet Diplomatic Service he had visited WALTER KRIVITSKY in Paris. KRIVITSKY had also recently defected from the Soviet Intelligence Service and BARMINE claimed that his visit to KRIVITSKY was at the instigation of some mutual friends in the Socialist Party of France.

Continuing, BARMINE stated that he was suspicious of KRIVITSKY and thought that the latter was positively a GPU agent who was searching for BARMINE in an attempt to apprehend him and return him to Russia. He said that he made known his feelings to KRIVITSKY and asked that the latter, as evidence of his own defection from the Soviets, name for him some agents who were operating for the Soviets in the United States. In reply KRIVITSKY named GEORGE MINK, ALGER HISS and HARRY DEXTER WHITE. BARMINE claimed that KRIVITSKY gave no further explanation of this allegation and said that he, BARMINE, never again discussed the subject with KRIVITSKY either in France or in the United States.

Mr. BARMINE also recalled that sometime in 1945 or 1946 he had occasion to be a guest in the home of some people whose names he could not remember but who were living in Westchester County, New York. During the course of the evening a discussion was had relative to the number of Communists working in the U. S. Government. Among the names mentioned, BARMINE recalled, was ALGER HISS.

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BARMINE stated that they had no real discussion of ALGER HISS at this time other than that he, BARMINE, had questioned these people as to HISS' present status in the State Department and was told that he was then Chief Counsel.

BARMINE also told the interviewing agents that while he was attached to the Trade Commission in Moscow he had occasion to see General I. BERZIN, who was then head of Soviet Military Intelligence, every other day. During the course of one of these visits BERZIN was discussing China and mentioned to BARMINE that the Soviets had some Americans working for them there. According to BARMINE, he named OWEN LATTIMORE and JOSEPH BARNES as being two of these individuals.

In view of the possible desire of the United States Attorney to use Mr. BARMINE, he was presented with a subpoena to appear before the Grand Jury. He advised the agents that he was extremely reluctant to make such an appearance and further indicated that if he did appear he would testify that the information he has supplied above was merely his recollection and he would not state positively that it was true. He indicated that he felt that if he testified that he would possibly be the victim of reprisals wherein he would lose his job with the "Voice of America."

FRANCIS X. PLANT, SA

ROBERT F. X. O'KEEFE, SA



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At 6:00 PM on 12/14/48 ASAC Lally of the Baltimore Office called to advise that Agents had gone through the personal effects of FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO. They had come across some correspondence between RENO and JAMES McSHANE and his wife, VIRGINIA, who seemed, from the correspondence, to be connected with the Advance Research Laboratory, Princeton, N.J., and also correspondence with JOHN L. KELLEY in the Department of Mathematics at the University of Chicago. This correspondence dates up to 1946. From the contents of the letters, back and forth, the correspondence appeared to deal with a book being written by the McSHANES, to which the others were contributing chapters and material. The material furnished by RENO dealt with mathematical formulae, bombing statistics, and mathematics dealing with bombs. From the letters, it is apparent that RENO was aware that he was furnishing information of a restricted nature, which he had secured from the Research Ballistics Laboratory. He goes into an explanation of the charge-out system and mentions that he had to get some of the material back as it is charged out to him, while other material need not be returned as he got it without being charged for it. There is no indication in the letters that the McSHANES and KELLEY are mixed up in the CHAMBERS-HISS case, but, on the face of it, there is a violation of security regulations on the part of RENO.

ASAC Lally advised that RENO also has one batch of photostats bound with an Acco fastener, entitled "Mathematical Theory of Air Combat" by L. B. C. CUNNINGHAM. RENO has a notation stapled to this group of photostats — "British Confidential appears incorrect as was only American Restricted".

Mr. Lally advised that there is much other mathematical formulae of a very complicated nature and the Baltimore Agents are unable to correctly analyze the importance of the bulk of the material.

He requested that we interview FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO to get an explanation from him just what this material is and that we should also ascertain what his relations with the McSHANES and KELLEY were and whether they are involved in any way in espionage activities.

Mr. Lally further advised that, according to the landlady, who desires to be kept confidential, FRANKLIN VICTOR and PHILLIP RENO came to

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together within the past two months and took much of the material away with them in suitcases.

Mr. Lally requested that we interview both of the RENO brothers to find out what they took away, why they took it away, what they did with it, and where it is now.

I advised Mr. Lally that this would be handled on the morning of December 15, 1948.

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At 5:45 P.M. on December 14, 1948 I spoke with SA TURNER of the Newark Office and explained to him that we were attempting to identify an unknown "BETTER" in this case; that the Baltimore Office advises us that "BETTER" may possibly be identical with BERNARD H. FLETCHER alias BETTER WELLS, 191 1468673, who was arrested in Hudson County, New Jersey, date not given, charged with possession of dangerous weapons. I requested SA TURNER to exert every possible effort to locate a picture, through the appropriate Hudson County Police Department, of this individual and have it reach the New York Office as early as possible on the morning of December 15, 1948 in order that we might exhibit it to the RENO brothers.

I also called Inspector H. B. FLETCHER of the Bureau and requested that, if the Identification Division of the Bureau has a picture of this individual, it should forward a copy of it to New York tonight. Mr. FLETCHER stated that the Bureau was working on this.

ALBERT J. TUOHY, SA

at 9:45 AM 12/15/48  
San Riley NY FO called.  
No photo available  
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MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
PERJURY  
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On December 15, 1948, SA John R. Lyons of the Newark Office contacted LIONEL FROST of the Hudson County Police Department. He advised that BERNARD WEINKRANTZ, Hudson County PD No. 540, of 2000 Brookfield Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, was arrested on February 6, 1938, charged with being a disorderly person and possessing a dangerous weapon, and investigation. He was found guilty on February 16, 1938, of being a disorderly person and given ninety days. This conviction was appealed and was set aside on February 2, 1939. He was indicted on November 28, 1939, for possession of a dangerous weapon, pleaded non vult on February 5, 1940, and was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary and costs, which sentence was suspended. At the time of his arrest he was riding in a Packard sedan, Maryland license 141369, which was registered to the National Maritime Union, Baltimore, Maryland. Accompanying him were the following individuals:

BEN FIELD, alias ISAAC and ISADORE FREEDMAN; New York PD No. E4808; Hudson County PD No. 543; address 1701 Linden Avenue, Baltimore.

CHARLES HANSEN, alias CHARLES, WALTER, or SCOOP HANSEN; New York PD No. B32912; Hudson County PD No. 542, of 108 South Collington Avenue, Baltimore.

PATRICK B. WHELAN, Hudson County PD No. 539, FBI No. 1475062, New York PD No. E10922. His address is 1230 Calvert Street, Baltimore.

JESSE SUTTKA, alias BUD LEE, JAMES WALONE; Hudson County PD No. 541, FBI No. 127373.

The Hudson County Police advised that FIELD had been arrested by the New York PD for anarchy and had other arrests there. They advised that HANSEN had a long criminal record, mostly for burglary, dating from 1910. WHELAN had been arrested for vagrancy in Minneapolis in 1936 and for being a disorderly person in New York on December 3, 1936. He also was arrested for being a disorderly person in Baltimore and for larceny in that city. SUTTKA was arrested for larceny of an auto in Mansfield, Ohio, in December 1924.

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and sentenced from one to twenty years. He was later arrested at Salt Lake City on September 13, 1931, for vagrancy and had two arrests for investigation, one at Mason City, Iowa, December 31, 1932, and at Mount Vernon, Ohio, January 31, 1933.

The Police advised that the only other arrest known for WEINKRANTZ was a motor vehicle arrest for reckless driving in Baltimore, where he was fined \$6.00. They advised that at the time the car was picked up an individual named HOWARD E. J. HARDING, 1631 East Lafayette Avenue, Baltimore, was in the car. According to the Police Department, it was later learned from sources which they could not identify at this time that these individuals allegedly were coming from Baltimore in order to "knock off Joe Ryan." They were all members of the National Maritime Union - CIO.

Pictures were supplied by the Police Department of all the individuals involved and are being submitted herewith.

JOHN R. LYONS,  
Special Agent

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INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
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At 9:50 am today, Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau advised that the Bureau has instructed Washington Field to attempt to locate and interview POST, YOST and THIBLOOD. Mr. Fletcher stated that these individuals are believed to be out of the country but that an attempt will be made to locate them.

Relative to the documents this office submitted to the Laboratory for examination, Mr. Fletcher advised that the Laboratory has come to the conclusion that the typewritten letter dated February 17, 1933, beginning "Dear Mr. Schelker: This is in reply to your letter of February 11", was typed on the same machine as Q6 through Q69, K17 and K32. On the other typewritten documents submitted, the Laboratory concluded they are not identical with the above.

I inquired whether the Bureau had received a reply from the laboratory on the documents submitted by the Baltimore office. Mr. Fletcher informed me that Baltimore mailed these documents in and the Bureau has not as yet located them.

I advised Mr. Fletcher that one agent has been assigned to follow up the investigation relative to locating the typewriter in question and typewriting specimens. Mr. Fletcher stated that Washington Field, Baltimore and Philadelphia are following this phase of the investigation very closely also. I pointed out to Mr. Fletcher that it becomes very important for us to establish that that typewriter was in the possession of ALGER HISS as late as possible. Otherwise, he will state that he disposed of it, that CHAMBERS got possession of it and that CHAMBERS typed the documents.

I inquired of Mr. Fletcher whether the Laboratory was able to decide on the age of the documents. Mr. Fletcher stated this was not possible, but that it had been learned that the watermark on the Government paper has been used from 1929 and it still being used today.

Mr. Fletcher advised that, in connection with the film brought over by the House Committee, the Laboratory gave it very careful handling trying

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to develop it. The Laboratory could not develop it further. However, the Laboratory managed to create some prints that are clearer than the prints developed by the House, and which will permit the identification of one or more additional documents which before were so faint that they could not be seen. Mr. Fletcher was unable to say what these documents are.

Mr. Fletcher called again at 11:15 am to advise that the Philadelphia office sent in a letter dated December 6, 1931, addressed to EMMA L. HELLINGS, signed by DAISY FANSLER, sister of Mrs. PRISCILLA HISS. The Laboratory has advised that this letter is identical with the typewriting specimens in this case. This letter will be known as K35.

Mr. Fletcher also advised that letter dated May 25, 1937, addressed to W. M. HILLEGEST, Director of Admissions, University of Maryland, signed by PRISCILLA FANSLER HISS on the top, and under the signature Mrs. ALGER HISS, has been identified as being identical with Documents Q6 through Q69. This letter will be known as K40.

Mr. Fletcher stated that the Milwaukee office has sent in a letter which the Laboratory is working on at the present time. I told Mr. Fletcher that if Mr. Feehan were needed to appear before the Grand Jury, I would let the Bureau know. I immediately gave the above information to SA Kelly who was in Mr. Donegan's office, so that it could be relayed to Mr. Donegan.

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I spoke to Mr. Earl Milne at 9:20 pm on December 14th and inquired whether the Laboratory had determined whether any of the documents in the microfilm were typed by the same machine as the Woodstock which was used to type the 65 documents brought forward by CHAMBERS at Baltimore. Mr. Milne advised that the Laboratory had determined that the typewriters used were not the same as the "oodstock; that the Laboratory report of December 9, which the New York office did not receive, concluded that Q74 through Q131 (the pumpkin documents) were compared with Q5 through Q69 (the Baltimore documents) and it was ascertained that different machines were used. The Laboratory report further reflects that on the pumpkin documents, several different typewriters were used but no attempt was made to identify the make of the typewriters because the specimens were photostats of the originals and the originals were alleged to have been typed on State Department typewriters. I requested Mr. Milne to furnish us with a copy of the Laboratory examination in this as well as in all other examinations performed in this case. I pointed out that as office of origin, we had the responsibility for setting out leads and following this matter, and if the laboratory does not furnish us copies of their reports, it puts us at a distinct disadvantage. Along this same line, I pointed out that allegedly the House Committee had made available to the Bureau the film found in the pumpkin for appropriate examination on the morning of December 14th. I requested that we be telephonically advised of the results of this examination by the laboratory and that a copy of the examination results be sent to us.

Inasmuch as ALGER HISS has reportedly testified before the Grand Jury that CHAMBERS was closely associated with him up to 1936 and not thereafter, and HISS has further indicated that the Baltimore documents must have been typed by CHAMBERS on the HISS typewriter through some subterfuge on the part of CHAMBERS, it is very important that we ascertain the dates on which the State Department documents, from which the Baltimore documents were written up, were typed. I therefore called Mr. Ken Delavigne at the Washington Field office to request this information. He advised that the dates of the State Department documents which have been identified as those

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from which the information was taken to prepare the Baltimore documents, were all in 1938. He advised that of the 65 typewritten Baltimore documents and the 4 handwritten documents, all but 7 have now been tied in with the State Department files from which the information was taken, and the State Department is attempting to tie in the other 7 documents. He advised that, in the event it is desired to subpoena the original State Department records before the Grand Jury, it would be well for the USA or whoever is issuing the subpoena, to contact him at the Washington Field office and he would make available for subpoena purposes the numbers of the State Department files which should be subpoenaed. I advised him that if this question arises, we will suggest that the agent who made the comparison come to New York to explain the basis for the tie-in between the Baltimore documents and the State Department files. This is believed desirable inasmuch as considerable research was done on this by the Washington Field agents. Mr. DeLavigne pointed out that the Washington Field office is securing photostatic copies of these files from the State Department on a confidential basis and we should handle the matter accordingly and not put the Washington Field office on the spot until official arrangements have been made to secure these documents. Mr. DeLavigne further advised that the latest date of any of the State Department documents thus far identified is March 31, 1938. This information was immediately furnished to Mr. Donegan.

I had also asked Mr. Milne to determine whether it was possible for the laboratory to state when the Baltimore documents were typed. I pointed out that this is considered important because HISS may attempt to say that CHAMBERS secured possession of the Woodstock machine after HISS disposed of it and actually typed the Baltimore documents within the last year or so. This would bear out HISS's allegation that CHAMBERS is framing him. I re-questioned that Mr. Milne ascertain if the Laboratory had been able in any way to determine the period during which the Baltimore documents were typed. At 11:20 pm I called Mr. Milne again. He advised that the Laboratory had sent a report to the Attorney General on December 13, a copy of which had not been sent to us, to the effect that it was not possible to determine the age of the documents from the standpoint of the paper or the writing or the typing appearing thereon. The report further stated that some of the contents of the paper were discolored possibly because of age or exposure or both. The report stated that specimens Q3 through Q5 contained portions of the Government watermark but the watermark on Q3 is too fragmentary to comment on. The watermark on Q5 is sufficient for examination and the Laboratory determined that this watermark has been used on Government paper since at least March 1, 1929. I inquired whether it was in use at the present time. Mr. Milne advised that the report did not reflect it; that it would be ascertained and he would let us know. I asked that a copy of this report be sent to us. I also inquired whether the Laboratory had processed these



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documents for fingerprints of HISS and Mrs. HISS. He advised that no such examination had been given to the documents because they had been handled by numerous individuals, including the attorneys at the hearings in Baltimore.

I then advised Mr. Milne, for the Bureau's information, that I had just come down from a conference of the Government attorneys handling this matter, which conference had been held for the purpose of figuring out what, if any, indictments could be drawn for return by the Grand Jury, which is due to cease its activities on December 15th. I advised that the attorneys feel that there is some question of the validity of the Grand Jury's activities on December 16th as it is not known exactly when the 18-month period ends, during which their authority holds. Therefore, any indictments that are to be returned by this Grand Jury will be returned on Wednesday, December 15th. I advised that as a result of this conference, Mr. ALEX CAMPBELL & USA McGOHEY had telephonically discussed with PEYTON FORD the recommendation of the conference that the Grand Jury return an indictment against ALGER HISS on December 15th, charging him with perjury. I advised it appeared that the attorneys will not ask for any other indictments; that Mrs. HISS had been considered for a perjury indictment but they felt there was insufficient evidence of perjury on her part. I advised further that from what I could gather, Mr. CAMPBELL had come up here with a proposed presentment that the Grand Jury should render, one paragraph of which criticized the HCUA and another paragraph commended the Department of Justice. I advised that Mr. McGOHEY, Mr. DONEGAN and the other attorneys who had been working on this were definitely outspokenly opposed to such a presentment in the belief that some members of the GJ have expressed themselves as in favor of the House Committee's activities and as opposed to certain policies of the Administration, and if a presentment is forced down their throats, there is liable to be fireworks which could explode in the face of the Administration. I advised that, in spite of this, it looked to me from Mr. CAMPBELL's conversation with Mr. FORD, the Department might try to have the GJ return a presentment in addition to the indictments against HISS. I advised further that from the conference, there was no doubt in my mind that the Department expects to call in the new GJ immediately and to continue the investigation at top speed in an effort to find additional evidence which will bring the substantive espionage case within the statute of limitations. I pointed out therefore that the Bureau must continue making every effort to dig up additional evidence and continue giving preferred attention to this investigation.

I also advised Mr. Milne that any additional evidence we can get along the lines of typewriting specimens identified with the Woodstock typewriter in question, particularly those which would reflect that this typewriter was in possession of the HISSes after September 9, 1936, would be very important.

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It was pointed out to him that the Baltimore documents were taken from State Department documents dated in the first three months of 1938, while the last date we have placing this typewriter, for all intents and purposes, in the possession of HISS is September 9, 1936, when he wrote a letter to the Landon School in Washington. I requested that the Laboratory expedite any additional specimens which had been submitted to us and advise us telephonically on December 15th if identifications were made.

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Careful supervision should be given by the New York office to this phase of the investigation. We should follow up to see that all logical leads are covered which would give us additional specimens of typewriting on this typewriter, with particular reference to dates in 1938 and afterwards. We should also make sure that every effort is being made to locate the typewriter itself and in this manner ascertain when it left the possession of HISS. This would controvert any effort on the part of HISS to say that CHAMBERS typed the documents himself.

A. H. BELMONT  
ASAC



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United States Department of Justice

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COMPLAINT FORM

Woodstock Typewriter of  
Questionable Ownership Found

Subject's Name and Aliases  
in offices of Red Cross  
Fund Raising Campaign 1945 or 1946  
130 W. 42<sup>nd</sup> St., N.Y.C.  
Address of Subject  
Springer  
Character of Case

Allen H. Quirk  
Name of Complainant  
30 School St.  
Address of Complainant  
East Wallington, L.I. Garden City  
Telephone Number of Complainant  
7-44-76  
12/15/48 - 3:30 P.M.  
Date and Time Complaint Received

DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT:

FACTS OF COMPLAINT: (Personal) Mr. Quirk was connected with American Red Cross  
Fund Raising Campaign from December 1942 until April 1948. He  
was office manager located at 130 W. 42<sup>nd</sup> St., N.Y.C. for about  
2 years during that period. Around April 1945 or 1946 near  
the end of one of these campaigns, an old Woodstock typewriter  
was found on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of 130 W. 42<sup>nd</sup> St., in space occupied  
by the Fund Raising Group. Inquiries were made about the  
ownership of this machine at that time inasmuch as it was  
immediately established that it was not property belonging to the  
group. No one knew to whom it belonged. Enquiry by letter

ACTION RECOMMENDED BY AGENT:

Get specimen of typewriter in question immediately and forward to F.B.I.  
Lab. for comparison  
assigned lead to Kelly  
get typewriter specimen  
to SA W. Wertheim 12/15/48  
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Special Agent: Shannon  
J. D. Kane  
W. Wertheim

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to the Woodstock Company revealed that their records did not contain any information which might prove of assistance in tracing the machine.

Mr. Quirk advised that quite frequently supplies of various kinds had been forwarded to the office at 130 W. 42nd Street from other related offices throughout the city, which office had just been closed. Investigation disclosed that a shipment of supplies had been received from ~~the~~ a Bronx office located on Kingsbridge Rd (exact address unknown) on the day on which this typewriter was noticed. The man responsible for the movement of these supplies advised that he had supervised all the articles placed in the truck that day and said that the typewriter was not among the material transported that day. The man's name is A. J. Longobardi, now with Red Cross Blood Donor Service. (See 9-1000)

One Donald J. Curley, 172 Earle Ave., Lynbrook, L. I. N. Y. who works with Mr. Quirk, asked Mr. Quirk if he knew where he could get a typewriter reasonably. Mr. Quirk suggested that he speak to Mr. Longobardi. The latter sold the old machine in question to Curley a little over a year ago, and Curley is still in possession of this machine. A specimen of this typewriter is attached.

Mr. Lusk now associated with J. P. Stevens  
& Co., Inc. Hockanum Division, Empire State Bldg.,  
New York 1, N. Y. (L. 5'-2400), said that when he  
read about the Woodstock typewriter involved in the  
instant Chambers case, he immediately thought of  
this old machine which could not be traced and  
thought perhaps that it may be of interest to  
us.



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New York, N. Y.



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December 15, 1948

MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
PERJURY  
ESPIONAGE - R

At 10:20 a.m., December 14, 1948, I received a call from HORACE SCHWAHL, who is a private investigator for EDWARD C. McLEAN, attorney for ALGER HISS, and he advised that he was leaving a photostatic copy of the Baltimore credit report on JAY CHAMBERS, about which he had previously spoken to Special Agent F. D. O'Brien. He stated that the information in that report had been received from Mrs. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS on an interview of her by the head of the Baltimore Credit Bureau. He stated that he was making this call inasmuch as he had not written a cover letter with this credit report.

J. T. HILSBOS,  
Special Agent

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December 15, 1948

MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
PERJURY  
ESPIONAGE - R

On the morning of December 15, 1948, I called Special Agent JOHN CAVADINE and stated that in connection with the securing of typewriter specimens in this case it might be well for the Washington Field Office to check the Selective Service file of ALGER HISS at Local Board No. 1, Washington, D. C., and secure any typewriter specimens that might appear in the file. Cavadine stated that he believed that this had been considered by the Washington Field, but that if it had not been done it would be done.

J. T. HILSBOS,  
Special Agent

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MR. TOLSON	UNITED STATES
MR. CLEGG	WAR
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J. J. O'Brien  
J. L. Spencer

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December 15, 1948

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MEMO

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
PERJURY  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
ESPIONAGE - R

At 1:00 pm on December 15th, Mr. DeLavigne of the Washington Field office telephonically advised that all of the 65 documents produced by CHAMBERS at Baltimore, plus the 5 small sheets reportedly in the handwriting of ALGER HISS, have now been identified with official State Department records. He advised that the State Department has now officially advised the Bureau through the Washington Field office of the identity of the State Department records from which the information contained on the CHAMBERS documents was taken. He advised that copies of the State Department records in question have been furnished to the Washington Field office by a contact in the State Department, but this fact must remain confidential within the Bureau. The Washington Field office is preparing a letter to the Bureau and copy to New York, setting forth the identifying numbers of the documents in the State Department files, so that they can be subpoenaed if so desired. A comparison of the CHAMBERS documents with these State Department files was made by the State Department and an agent of the Bureau. However, Mr. DeLavigne reiterated that the possession by the Bureau of the photostatic copies of the State Department records must be kept confidential and must not be discussed outside the Bureau, even with Departmental officials. He suggested that if any question arises concerning a subpoena of these records and information is desired for the purpose of subpoena, the inquiry be directed to Mr. Howard Fletcher of the Bureau rather than to the Washington Field office.

Mr. Donegan's secretary was advised concerning the 100% identification mentioned above and was requested to furnish this information to Mr. Donegan as soon as he came out of the Grand Jury room.

A. H. BELMONT  
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December 15, 1948

MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
PERJURY  
ESPIONAGE - G

MR. SCHEIDT  
MR. BELMONT  
MR. WELLS  
MR. BRISCOLL  
MR. GRANVILLE  
MR. HADGETT  
MR. KATZ  
MR. KESSAULT  
MR. LEE  
MR. LINDEN  
MR. LLOYD  
MR. MURPHY  
MR. NICHOLS  
MR. ROSEN  
MR. TRACY  
MR. WATSON  
MR. WHELAN  
MR. WYATT  
MR. ZIEGLER  
MR. CLEGG  
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MR. PENNINGTON  
MR. QUINN  
MR. TOLSON  
MR. WARD  
MR. WICK  
MR. WINTERROWD  
MR. YERGEN  
MR. ZANDER  
MR. BROWN  
MR. GALE  
MR. GIBSON  
MR. HENRICH  
MR. JONES  
MR. KANE  
MR. KIRKPATRICK  
MR. LADD  
MR. NICHOLS  
MR. ROSEN  
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MR. TOLSON  
MR. WARD  
MR. WICK  
MR. WINTERROWD  
MR. YERGEN  
MR. ZANDER

At approximately 2:25 p.m. today I received a telephone call from FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO from the Hotel Commodore. He seemed greatly upset and had difficulty talking. I asked him if Agents O'Brien and O'Keefe were with him, and he said that they had just left and that he was alone and desired to talk to me. He said that we had been very nice to him and he appreciated it, and that while he has been cooperating with us right along, he now wanted to "really cooperate." He stated that he had a favor to ask of me and he wanted me to arrange an audience for him with United States Attorney McGohey or T. J. Donegan. He referred to the widespread publicity in today's papers in which mention was made that the secret of the Norden bombsight had been leaked to foreign powers from the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, where he had worked. He said that while his name had not yet been mentioned in the papers, his brother's name had been mentioned, and he felt that his name would probable come out in the next edition of the papers.

RENO further stated that he is a member of "Men of Science" as well as seven or eight other scientific societies, and that he is listed in "Who Knows What," which is the Who's Who of science. He said he wondered whether we fully appreciated the significance of his involvement in this case and whether we realized how the attendant publicity presently being afforded the matter would really undermine the national security of the country. Without actually saying so, he indicated that publicizing his activity and identifying him would enable the foreign power which received the information he turned over to make fuller use of that information. He was difficult to speak with and his conversation was rather confusing. He said that he wanted to plead guilty even if it meant life imprisonment, so that he could go away quietly and have all this over with and keep his name out of the papers. He asked if he could speak with me, and I said I would be glad to speak with him. I asked him if he was not expecting his brother, PHILIP, and he said that he was expecting him but didn't want PHILIP to know this since all of PHILIP'S advice to him would be colored by PHILIP'S desire to help and protect him. I asked him if he could not get a taxicab and come to the office, and he said that he didn't think he could make it alone. I told him that he should calm himself and that agents would be at the hotel within a half hour to bring him to the office.

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It is to be noted that subsequent to their interview with him this morning, and immediately after leaving him at the hotel, Agents O'Brien and O'Keefe called the office and stated that at the outset of their interview with RENO he was considerably distraught and had talked a great deal of committing suicide; that they had counselled him and endeavored for over an hour to show him the needlessness and cowardliness of such action, and had reminded him of his obligations to himself and his mother, etc., etc.; that he seemed to calm down after that.

Immediately following my conversation with him, Agents Danahy and Genco proceeded to the Commodore Hotel. They called me upon reaching there to advise that they had been unsuccessful in getting anyone to answer the door of Room 1120, in which room the RENO brothers were registered, and that telephone calls to the room went unheeded. Consideration was given to having a contact at the hotel gain entrance to the room, but it was decided not to do this, and the agents were requested to remain in the lobby and to make repeated phone calls to the room.

Inasmuch as RENO was under subpoena by the Federal Grand Jury and was acting under instructions of T. J. DONEGAN, Assistant to the AG in this matter, the foregoing information was immediately conveyed to him. He said that he did not desire agents to take any further actions toward entering the room, and that PHILIP RENO should be located and advised to proceed to the hotel to speak with his brother, VICTOR. Shortly thereafter Agents Danahy and Genco called from the hotel to advise that PHILIP RENO, accompanied by his brother, VICTOR, had just entered the lobby, and that they were about to proceed with the agents to the office for the purpose of enabling him to discuss the matters of his phone call with the writer further.

RENO was interviewed by the writer in the presence of Agents O'Brien and Hilsbos, and again made the statement regarding the effect of the publicity of this case on the national security of the country. He elaborated by stating that a stigma would attach to his associates and people who had worked under him because of his complicity; that as a result of publicity such as this case is receiving men of science would not desire to work with the Government and therefore the security of the country would thereby suffer, being deprived of the benefit of their work. I explained to him that the publicity this case was receiving was not the result of any press releases made by this Bureau or the Department, and he stated that he knew that; that undoubtedly the publicity was the result of the actions of the HCUA. I told him that we could not, of course, control that. He then stated that if his pleading guilty and going away quietly would stop publicity, he would like to make such an offer. I explained to him that that offer would have to be made to Mr. Donegan or Mr. McGohey or some other Department representative, since such a matter was not within our jurisdiction.

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After talking with Mr. RENO further, it was obvious that he had no additional information to offer concerning this case, and accordingly unsuccessful attempts were made to reach Mr. Donegan, who was before the Grand Jury. In his place FRED E. STRINE, Assistant AG from Washington, who is working with Mr. Donegan on this case, came to my office, and RENO repeated to him what he had said to me. Mr. STRINE stated that he would convey his message to Mr. Donegan. With reference to his offer to plead guilty if it would stop the publicity, Mr. STRINE pointed out that such an act would probably double the publicity.

VICTOR RENO left the office accompanied by his brother, and they were returned to the hotel by Agent Danahy. VICTOR had calmed down and was quite composed when he left here.

It was pointed out to Mr. STRINE that VICTOR had been talking of committing suicide, and that inasmuch as we had finished questioning him and since he was under subpoena by the Federal Grand Jury, it would be desirable that Mr. Donegan be immediately advised of the full facts concerning this so that any action necessary could be taken by him. Mr. STRINE said he would do this. Subsequent to the return of the indictment by the Grand Jury, Mr. STRINE appeared on the 29th floor in company with Mr. WHEARTY and Mr. KNEIFE, also Assistant AG's from Washington. They were fully informed of what had transpired, and there were pointed out to them the complications which might arise if VICTOR RENO should commit suicide while under the Grand Jury subpoena. They advised that they would recommend to Mr. Donegan that the RENOS be permitted to leave the city, it having been several times mentioned by the RENOS today that they desired to leave town before the House Committee members found them and subpoenaed them to appear before the House hearings in Washington.

The substance of the foregoing was conveyed to Supervisor Earl Wilne of the Bureau by ASAC Belmont early in the evening, and he was informed that we had concluded our interviews with the RENOS and that Mr. Donegan had been fully informed of all the facts herein and was told that any instructions regarding the RENOS should be handled direct from Mr. Donegan's Office to the RENOS. Mr. Donegan advised Mr. Belmont that he would see that the RENOS were advised tonight of his decision as to whether they should remain here or leave the city.

A. J. TUOHY,  
Special Agent



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December 15, 1948

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MR. BELMONT  
MR. WHEELAN  
MR. COLLIER  
MR. GANNETT  
MR. ...  
MR. DECAULT  
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**MEMO**

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
PERJURY  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
ESPIONAGE - R

At 11:43 am today, in the absence of Mr. H. B. Fletcher, I advised Mr. Cleveland of the Bureau that ALGER HISS was arraigned today at about 11:30 am; that he had pleaded not guilty on both counts of the indictment and that bail was set at \$5,000. HISS has until 4:00 pm to make bail and until then, he is in the custody of his attorney. I further advised Mr. Cleveland that Messrs. Donegan and Whearty handled the arraignment; that the condition of bail was that HISS be fingerprinted and photographed by the FBI. I told Mr. Cleveland that HISS was being fingerprinted and photographed now. The date for trial has been tentatively set for January 24, 1949.

Mr. Cleveland inquired if the question of releasing a photograph of HISS had come up. I advised Mr. Cleveland that I did not think we would release any photograph of HISS, but if the question does arise, that I saw no reason why we could not release photographs of HISS since the photographs would bear no markings or FBI number. I told Mr. Cleveland, however, that before releasing any pictures of HISS to the press, we would first clear with the Bureau. I also mentioned to him that we are not going to make any press release regarding HISS inasmuch as that will be made by the Department.

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MEMO

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
PERJURY  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
ESPIONAGE - R

MR. SCHEIDT	FOR VICTORY
MR. BELMONT	BUY
MR. WHELAN	UNITED STATES
MR. COLEMAN	WAR
MR. CANNON	STAMPS
MR. NEESBAULT	
MR. GILMAN	
MR. ADVISOR	
MR. TOLSON	
MR. TRACY	
MR. WATSON	
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At 3:30 pm today, I spoke to Mr. H. B. Fletcher at the Bureau to advise him that Mr. KNEIPF of the Department, one of the attorneys handling the Grand Jury in the above case, had just called me to inquire whether it would be possible to send, over our machine by teletype, the contents of the indictment contemplated on HISS today. I advised Mr. Fletcher that Mr. KNEIPF stated that he was bringing the indictment down immediately and would like to have it sent to the attention of PEYTON FORD. I suggested to Mr. Fletcher that the Bureau could obtain a copy when it came over and that I had told Mr. KNEIPF that we would be glad to do it. Mr. Fletcher said to send the teletype, merely opening by stating "Mr. Kneipf of the Department requests that the following proposed indictment against ALGER HISS, as set forth below, be relayed immediately to Mr. PEYTON FORD of the Department."

At 3:40 pm, Mr. KNEIPF called me to advise that the request to send this teletype was being held up temporarily and he would get in touch with me later. At 4:50 pm, while speaking to Mr. Fletcher, I advised him that a copy of the indictment had not yet been given to us by Mr. KNEIPF.

A. H. BELMONT  
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December 16, 1948

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MEMO

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
PERJURY  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
ESPIONAGE - R

MR. SCHEIDT	FOR VICTIM
MR. BELMONT	BUY
MR. WHELAN	UNITED STATES
MR. COLLIER	WAR
MR. GRANVILLE	BOARDS
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	STATES
MR. TOLSON	
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MR. LADD	
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MR. WATSON	
PROPERTY CLERK	
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*H. J. Lusk*  
*D. J. Sunch*

At 5:45 pm on December 15, 1948, Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau called to advise that, in the event the attorneys handling the Grand Jury desired us to arrest HISS, assuming that an indictment was going to be returned, the Bureau would accede to the request. However, the Bureau did not want to bring this question up until such time as the request was made by the attorneys. Immediately thereafter, I spoke to Mr. Donegan, advising him that should it be deemed desirable for us to apprehend HISS, I was in a position to inform him that we would accede to such a request. Mr. Donegan was then in Room 318 where the Grand Jury had just returned the indictment and had been dismissed. Mr. Donegan went over immediately to the group of Government attorneys, including Mr. ALEX CAMPBELL, and advised him that he thought the FBI should pick up HISS. Mr. CAMPBELL thereupon stated "I have already called Mr. McLEAN (the attorney for HISS) and arranged for HISS to come in tomorrow (December 16)".

Mr. Donegan advised me that such arrangements between Mr. CAMPBELL and Mr. McLEAN were unknown to him and the other attorneys and CAMPBELL must have made these arrangements prior to the return of the indictment. At 6:10 pm I called Mr. H. B. Fletcher to advise that the indictment had been returned and that the Jury had not made any presentment. I further advised him of the above information relative to CAMPBELL's arrangement to have HISS surrender himself. Mr. Fletcher advised that we should not push the matter further; that it was up to the attorneys as to what action they desired to take in this respect. Mr. Fletcher placed a stenographer on the telephone and I dictated to her verbatim the indictment, the very short statement by the Grand Jury, copies of both of which are attached hereto. I also included in the memorandum the fact that the Grand Jury has been dismissed by Judge Clancy and that a new Grand Jury will be selected on December 16th and will immediately convene.

A. H. BELMONT  
ASAC

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**MEMO**

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
PERJURY  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
ESPIONAGE - R

MR. SCHEIDT  
 MR. BELMONT  
 MR. WHEELAN  
 MR. COLLIER  
 MR. GRANVILLE  
 MR. [illegible]  
 MR. [illegible] ASSAULT  
 MR. [illegible] MAN  
 MR. [illegible] ADVISOR  
 MR. [illegible]  
 MR. [illegible] AGENT  
 MR. [illegible] WILSON  
 PROPERTY CLERK  
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 BUY UNITED STATES WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

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At 11:30 am on December 16, Mr. ALEX CAMPBELL called to advise that he had been speaking to Mr. PEYTON FORD of the Department and that Mr. FORD had inquired as to the desirability of issuing subpoenas for JAMES and VIRGINIA McSHANE with the DEFENSE RESEARCH LABORATORY in Princeton, New Jersey, and for JOHN L. KELLEY, of the Mathematics Department of the University of Chicago. CAMPBELL advised that apparently FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO had had some dealings with these individuals. He stated he did not know where Mr. FORD got his information. I advised Mr. CAMPBELL that Mr. FORD must have got his information from the FBI inasmuch as the FBI had searched the effects of RENO in Baltimore with RENO's consent, as a result of which it was determined that RENO had been corresponding with these individuals. Mr. CAMPBELL suggested that subpoenas be "slapped" on them immediately.

I advised him we were checking into these persons to see whether they should be included in the investigation; that we had interrogated RENO thoroughly concerning them and that RENO had advised that he had been corresponding with them in connection with a book which the McSHANES were writing; further, it was not known at this time whether the McSHANES and KELLEY were in any way involved in this case. Mr. CAMPBELL advised that he was fearful that the HCUA would call these individuals before the Committee and he thought it desirable that Grand Jury subpoenas be issued for them before they had been located by the Committee.

I advised Mr. Campbell that we would make available to him such information as we presently had on the McSHANes and KELLEY and it was up to the attorneys handling the Grand Jury as to whether they wanted to serve subpoenas on these persons. I informed him that we would furnish their addresses for this purpose, if the attorneys wanted to go ahead and serve subpoenas on them.

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**MEMO**

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
PERJURY  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
ESPIONAGE - R

At 5:12 pm today, SAC Kramer of the Denver office called to inquire whether PHILIP RENO had made any admissions concerning his connections with this case. I informed Mr. Kramer that PHIL RENO admitted that he was a member of the Communist Party and that he had been expelled, but that as far as this particular case is concerned, he made no admissions whatsoever. Mr. Kramer also inquired whether PHILIP and FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO were going to remain in New York or whether they were returning to Denver. After checking with Section 1, I advised Mr. Kramer that both the RENOs were leaving for Denver tonight and pointed out to him that FRANKLIN RENO might possibly go into hiding on his return to Denver. I also advised Mr. Kramer that Mr. Whearty, Assistant to the Attorney General, instructed FRANKLIN RENO to keep in touch with the Denver office. Mr. Kramer was advised that the RENOs are under subpoena to the Grand Jury and that the question of the RENOs remaining in New York had been put up to the attorneys handling the GJ. I told Mr. Kramer that FRANKLIN RENO is talking in terms of suicide and is fearful of being subpoenaed before the House Committee. In view of his condition, we are not interfering and have told the attorneys that from now on, any instructions that are to be made to FRANKLIN RENO should be given by the attorneys and we are not going to contact him any further or give him any further instructions.

Mr. Kramer advised that he was particularly concerned about PHILIP RENO because the Denver office has some Loyalty cases on which they want to interview him. Mr. Kramer inquired if there were any objections, from the standpoint of this case, to interview PHILIP RENO in connection with these other matters. I advised him that I could see no objection. He then pointed out that in Bureau letter of December 13th, which sets forth the Attorney General's memorandum in this case, the Bureau instructs the Denver office to locate and interview people who worked with the RENOs during the past years. Mr. Kramer stated that PHILIP RENO was connected both with the Social Security Board and the War Labor Board and that practically everyone who worked with him was either a Communist or pretty close to one. The Denver office is apprehensive as to whether these people should be interviewed in view of the fact that the Denver office has Hatch Act cases on a number of RENO's associates.

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I informed Mr. Kramer that such interviews would have a double purpose: first, to uncover anyone who might be involved in this case, and second, to be sure that nothing is missed which might be uncovered by the House Committee. I suggested to Mr. Kramer that he advise the Bureau by teletype of this situation and inquire if Denver should go ahead with the instructions contained in Bureau letter of December 13th. I also suggested to Mr. Kramer that the Denver office interview the RENOs again when they return to Denver.

A. H. BELMONT  
ASAC



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MEMO

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
PERJURY  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
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At 12:45 pm today, in the absence of Mr. Nichols, I advised Mr. John McGuire of my conversation earlier today with Mr. Cleveland regarding the arraignment of HISS, the fact that a condition of the bail was that the FBI was to fingerprint and photograph him, and the releasing of photographs of HISS to the press. I further advised Mr. McGuire that the papers are now calling for pictures of HISS and that I wanted to clear with Mr. Nichols' office before releasing them. It was pointed out to Mr. McGuire that the pictures would have no identification marks on them and that I saw no objection to giving the press copies. Mr. McGuire advised that he saw no reason why the press could not be furnished with copies of the pictures of HISS. He also checked with Assistant Director D. M. Ladd who stated he saw no objection to releasing such pictures.

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MR. KUNTZ	AND
MR. MARCHESSAULT	STAMPS
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RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
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INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
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Reference is made to the phone call from Assistant to the AG ALEX CAMPBELL to SAC Scheidt at 5:05 pm today, in which he advised that Representative McDOWELL of the HCUA had issued a press release today in NY stating that the Committee had a hearing in NYC today, during which two very important witnesses had testified, which witnesses were unknown to the FBI. Mr. CAMPBELL requested that we immediately find out who these witnesses are.

At 5:15 pm I attempted to locate Mr. CAMPBELL in the building but without success. Inasmuch as he stated he would call this office and is under direction to ask for the supervisor, he should be advised, if he calls, that the two witnesses referred to by Representative McDOWELL are MAX YERGAN and GEORGE H. WITT, both well-known, professional Negro Communists who are well known to this office.

I advised Mr. T. J. Donegan of the foregoing at 5:20 pm. He said he knew about this and knew the identity of the witnesses.

A. J. TUOHY  
Supervisor

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At 3:00 pm today, Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau called, advising that FRANCIS SAYRE and ANNABELLE NEWCOMB would arrive in New York on the SS New Amsterdam at 8:00 am, Sunday, December 19th. They are scheduled to leave for Washington at 11:30 am the same day. No legal addresses for them could be obtained by the Bureau for subpoena purposes.

I advised Mr. Fletcher that if we were to handle these interviews prior to the docking of the boat, we would undoubtedly have to meet the boat in the Lower Bay by Coast Guard Cutter. I reiterated that we had advised Mr. Donegan that we did not feel that we should serve the subpoena on them. Mr. Fletcher stated that this was satisfactory with the Bureau and that the interviews should be conducted as indicated, if Mr. Donegan so desired.

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MR. BELMONT	✓
MR. WHELAN	✓
MR. COLLIER	✓
MR. GRANVILLE	✓
MR. HENRIS	✓
MR. WATKES	✓
MR. MOHR	✓
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MR. CUNY	✓
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*G. F. Sullivan*

At 10:50 am today, in the absence of Mr. H. B. Fletcher, I spoke with Mr. Cleveland of the Bureau to advise him that T. J. Donegan, Assistant to the Attorney General, has requested the Bureau to locate and interview FRANCIS SAYRE and his secretary, ANNABELLE NEWCOMB, SAYRE presently being in Europe as United States representative to the United Nations Trade Council; further, that SAYRE had been the immediate superior of ALGER HISS in 1938 when SAYRE was Assistant Secretary of State.

Mr. Cleveland was further advised that the House Committee on Un-American Activities has publicly announced that it intends subpoenaing SAYRE upon his arrival in this country to testify at the committee's hearings. According to the press, the House Committee has reserved space in the U. S. Court House, New York City, where it reportedly will open hearings in this matter at 11:30 this morning. It was pointed out that Mr. Donegan feels it urgent and essential that SAYRE be served with a Federal Grand Jury subpoena before he is served with the House Committee subpoena. I advised further that we had informed Mr. Donegan that we preferred not to serve the subpoena and he has agreed that the subpoena will be served by the U. S. Marshal.

I advised also that Washington Field on December 14th informed us that SAYRE would be returning to this country the latter part of this week or early next week, but that his means of travel is not known; that we had discreetly checked the passenger lists of the SS America which arrived in New York City today and he was not listed as a passenger; further, that he could possibly be coming in the Queen Elizabeth which is due in New York City next Tuesday but it is also quite possible that he could arrive here momentarily from Europe by airplane. I advised Mr. Cleveland also that, in view of SAYRE's position with the United Nations, we hesitated to institute direct inquiries here with the State Department and the United Nations to ascertain his itinerary, and desired that the Bureau grant us such authority or, in the alternative, that the Bureau ascertain his itinerary from the United Nations or the State Department in Washington. I also informed Mr. Cleveland that we also need to know Mr. SAYRE's legal address so that it can be placed on the subpoena. I emphasized to Mr. Cleveland that time was of the essence in this matter. He stated he would check into it and call back as soon as possible.

A. J. TUOHY  
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Re: J. DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was. et al  
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ASAC A.H. BELMONT telephonically contacted the writer on this date and stated that he had received a telephone call from Mr. H.B. FLETCHER of the Bureau, who advised him that as a result of publicity in various Detroit papers last night to the effect that an attorney by the name of DAVIDOW had written to JOHN FOSTER DULLES that ALGER HISS was a Communist and that this fact could be proved, agents of the Detroit Office had interviewed Mr. DAVIDOW last night in order to get the source of this proof. DAVIDOW stated that he had gotten this information from BEN MANDELL, who was formerly with the Dies Committee. MANDELL is being interviewed in Washington. In addition, DAVIDOW stated that two others who have proof that HISS is a Communist are ISAAC DON LEVINE, Editor of "Plain Talk", and BENJAMIN C. STOLBERG, an author in New York City.

Mr. BELMONT stated that the Bureau desired that both of these individuals be interviewed concerning any knowledge that they may have about ALGER HISS and his connection with the instant case, particularly any proof that they may have that HISS was a member of the Communist Party. Mr. FLETCHER requested that LEVINE and STOLBERG be interviewed today if possible, and if this were not possible that they be interviewed at the earliest possible moment. If any pertinent information were developed a signed statement should be taken in this matter.

A search of the New York indices reflected numerous references on both LEVINE and STOLBERG. It was noted that one reference listed STOLBERG as residing at the Chelsea Hotel, 222 West 23rd Street, New York City. This individual is probably identical with BENJAMIN C. STOLBERG.

As for LEVINE, no home address could be located for him through the New York indices.

BENJAMIN STOLBERG is listed in the 1947 "Who's Who in New York" as "author, journalist, born Munich, Germany, November 30, 1891 (American citizen), son of MICHAEL and RADA STOLBERG; ed. grad. Real-Gymnasium, Munich 1908;

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"Harvard University A.B. 1917; divorced; child David Fox, born October 10, 1927. Taught Economics at University of Oklahoma and Kansas CHMN, New York League for Industrial Democracy 1925-29. Member International Commission of Inquiry into the Moscow Trials, 1937; member Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies 1940. Formerly editor Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen's Journal; associated editor 'The Bookman'; formerly columnist 'New York Post'; regular contributor lead. magazines and newspapers 'Atlantic Monthly,' 'Scribner's Magazine', 'Mercury', 'Nation', 'New Republic', 'Harpers', 'Saturday Evening Post', 'Readers' Digest', 'New York Times', 'New York Herald Tribune', 'North American Newspaper Alliance', Scripps-Howard syndicate, etc. Books, 'The Economic Consequences of the New Deal', 'The Story of the CIO', 'The Collapse of American Communism', 'Tailor's Progress'. Residence 222 West 23rd Street, New York City".

Efforts to contact STOLBERG at the Chelsea Hotel, 222 West 23rd Street were made throughout the day, and it was learned that the subject, although not in today, had last been seen in the hotel last night.

CHARLES R. MONTICONE  
Special Agent



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MEMO

Re: J. DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was. et al  
PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R

At 2:15 p.m. today Mr. PARKS of the Associated Press telephonically contacted the New York Office and stated that he was at Hoboken this morning when the SS New Amsterdam docked. He stated that some of his friends had noticed two FBI agents on the pier, and that these two agents had subsequently boarded the vessel. Mr. PARKS wanted to know if a subpoena had been served on FRANCIS R. SAYRE, Assistant Undersecretary of State, and if that was being handled by the New York Office.

Mr. PARKS was advised that the writer had no comment to make at this time concerning this matter.

CHARLES R. MONTICONE  
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PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R

At 3:10 p.m. on this date Mr. PETER KIHSS of the "New York Herald Tribune" contacted this office and stated that he had been trying to get in touch with Mr. F.K. MCGOHEY, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and T.J. DONEGAN in connection with the ALGER HISS matter, but had been unsuccessful as both were not at home. Mr. KIHSS stated that he would like to speak with someone concerning the subpoena which had apparently been served on FRANCIS B. SAYRE, Assistant Undersecretary of State, on the SS New Amsterdam at Hoboken, New Jersey, this morning.

Mr. KIHSS was advised that this office could make no comment concerning this matter, and that he should again try to contact the above individuals later today.

CHARLES R. MONTICONE  
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Memo

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, et al  
PERJURY, ESPIONAGE (R)

At 10:50 this morning, the writer talked to Supervisor Thomas Estep at the Bureau and informed him briefly of the information contained in New York teletype concerning Mr. SAYRE and Miss ANNABELLE NEWCOMB of this date.

At 11:10 a.m., Mr. ESTEP called the writer and stated he had given this information to Mr. Fletcher, and was desirous of knowing whether this office had any information concerning the addresses of SAYRE and NEWCOMB in Washington, D. C. so that they could be interviewed as requested. *This info furnished to Estep.*

Thomas G. Spencer, SA

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Memorandum

RE: WALTER WINCHELL Broadcast  
December 19, 1948

On Sunday night December 19, 1948 WALTER WINCHELL, during his regular broadcast, referred to the Bureau in the following instances:-

He stated that the F.B.I. has traced the "Mysterious Typewriter" in the ALGER HISS case.

He also stated that the Director and the F.B.I. know the full extent of Communist activities in the United States - comprising of over 600 cities and over 1600 clubs and associations.

WINCHELL further revealed that the Department of Justice will "Push" for an indictment of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

Edward F. Stiles, SA

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Memo

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS,  
PERJURY,  
INTERNAL SECURITY-R  
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New York, New York  
December 20, 1948

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*H. L. Ladd*  
*W. C. Sullivan*

On the afternoon of December 20th, 1948, Miss NORMA ABRAMS of the "Daily News" advised that it was her understanding that the alleged new and pertinent information in the possession of Congressman McDOWELL resulting from McDOWELL's interview with MAX YERGEN was to the effect that YERGEN had told McDOWELL that a sister-in-law of ALGER HISS had been placed through PAUL ROBESON as a representative of the COUNCIL ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS at the UN.

According to Miss ABRAMS, this is the basis for McDOWELL's alleged statement that he has information affiliating HISS with the Communist Party as late as 1946 or 1947.

On the morning of December 20th, Mr. H. E. FLETCHER of the Bureau referred to our teletype of 11:05 on December 17th in this case relative to RUBEN B. SHEMITZ. MR. FLETCHER wanted to know whether we have possession of the two notes mentioned by SHEMITZ. After checking with Agents Kelly and Spencer, I advised Mr. FLETCHER that we do have the two notes in our possession.

Mr. FLETCHER also wanted to know whether the information furnished by FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO was actually on the Norden Bombsight, as was alleged by the press. I advised him that in his interview, RENO stated that the information he furnished on the bombsight was based on his knowledge of the functioning of the bombsight, and was not on the Norden Bombsight as such, that RENO stated the Norden Bombsight was not perfected until 1942.

Mr. FLETCHER advised Mr. SAYRE was being interviewed by a representative of the Department of Justice in the office of Mr. GROSS of the State Department at 10 a.m. on December 20th. Mr. FLETCHER did not know who the representative of the Department of Justice would be.

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He stated that SAYRE is reportedly coming to New York this afternoon and, therefore, SAYRE will not be interviewed by Agents of the Bureau prior to his arrival in New York City.

This means, of course, that we will follow through with our original plan to interview SAYRE in New York City.

Mr. FLETCHER advised that Miss NEWCOMB, the secretary, is being interviewed by Agents of the Washington Field Office today, December 20th.

A.H. BELMONT,  
ASAC



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Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS,  
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New York, New York  
December 20, 1948

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At 2:45 p.m. this date, Mr. KEN DeLAVIGNE of the Washington Field Office called to advise that Agents of the WFO did not interview Mr. SAYPE, although they tried last night at 7:30, and were informed by him that he had arranged a conference with representatives of the Department of Justice for today. As of 2 p.m. this date, SAYPE was in conference with Mr. ALEX CAMPBELL of the Department.

He informed Agents that this conference will very probably continue to 3:15 p.m., at which time he is preparing to leave for New York in answer to the subpoena of the Grand Jury. He will probably take the 4 p.m. train and will stay at the Pennsylvania Hotel.

Mr. DeLAVIGNE further advised that the secretary, Miss NEWCOME, was interviewed at noon today, and she furnished nothing of pertinence. The Washington Field Office will send us a teletype regarding this today. She is leaving on the 6 p.m. train, Pennsylvania Railroad; and will be staying at the Pennsylvania Hotel.

Mr. DeLAVIGNE also stressed the fact that he would like for us to furnish any information at all which would assist in the location of the typewriter either from the standpoint of furnishing leads or eliminating work to be done. He advised that he has 30 agents working on this, and anything we can do will be of assistance.

I pointed out to him that Mrs. HISS is uncooperative and because of this, we are working at a disadvantage in furnishing him a basis for investigation. I did advise that we will review information in our possession for any leads or possibilities that might be eliminated. In this respect, it would be desirable to go over

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the testimony of Mrs. HISS before the Grand Jury.

Reference is made to the memo of Supervisor Tuohy dated December 20th reflecting preliminary information furnished by Agent Danahy resulting from interview with GEORGE HEWITT.

At 2:50 p.m., this information was furnished to Mr. H.B. FLETCHER. He was advised that apparently, there had been a misunderstanding of Bureau instructions that HEWITT not be interviewed. At any rate, we interviewed him and had come up with the information as set forth in Mr. Tuohy's memo. He was advised that undoubtedly Mr. DONEGAN will want to subpoena HEWITT at once, and meanwhile HEWITT was attempting to locate the house on 21st Street.

I inquired whether the Bureau wanted us to serve the subpoena on HEWITT.

I also advised Mr. FLETCHER from publicity in the papers, it appeared that the House Committee was going to subpoena HEDI MASSING; that she did not want to go down to Washington, and therefore, Mr. DONEGAN would very probably want to subpoena her in order that she could be constantly available here in New York for the Grand Jury. I advised since she is our informant, we think we should serve the subpoena on her as a protection to the Bureau.

Mr. FLETCHER called back at 3:05 p.m. to advise that it was satisfactory to present this new information regarding HEWITT to Mr. DONEGAN, and his wishes should be followed relative to the subpoena, but the Marshal should serve the subpoena, although we could arrange to make HEWITT available, to the Marshal.

Mr. FLETCHER advised it was satisfactory for us to serve the subpoena on MASSING.

A.H. BELMONT,  
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MEMORANDUM:

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
PERJURY, ESPIONAGE-R

Bureau Supervisor J. EARL MILNES contacted the writer and stated that Asst. A.G. ALEX CAMPBELL had called him to advise that LAWRENCE DUGGAN had committed suicide in New York City this evening. MILNES stated Mr. FLETCHER and Asst. Director LADD was interested in ascertaining if DUGGAN had received a subpoena to appear before the Federal Grand Jury or had testified before it and desired that SAC BELMONT be contacted on the matter.

SAC BELMONT was contacted and the foregoing was related to him. Pursuant to ASAC BELMONT'S instructions SA J. KELLY was contacted and he stated he was positive that DUGGAN had not appeared before the Grand Jury nor had he been subpoenaed to appear.

A.J. McGRATH  
Special Agent

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December 20, 1948

MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
PERJURY  
ESPIONAGE - R

On the afternoon of December 17, 1948, I advised Mr. Fletcher that Mr. Scheidt had been informed a short while before by ALEX CAMPBELL, Assistant AG, that Representative McDowall of the HUAC had heard testimony this afternoon from two un-named witnesses who had given amazing information; that these witnesses were not even known to the FBI. I advised that we had checked into this immediately and had ascertained that the un-named witnesses were apparently GEORGE HEWITT and MAX YERGAN, both well known professional Negro Communist informants. I advised that Mr. CAMPBELL had requested that he be informed as to the identity of these people and that we were getting in touch with him to so advise him; that I had checked with Mr. Donegan about this and he stated that he knew all about it and that if CAMPBELL had consulted with him he could have told him about this without Mr. CAMPBELL having first gone to Mr. SCHEIDT.

On Saturday morning, December 18, 1948, Mr. Fletcher called me at home to ask the names of the two witnesses Representative McDowall had allegedly spoken with in New York City on December 17th. I advised him that they were apparently HEWITT and YERGAN, concerning whom I had spoken with him the night previously. He called back later and asked if we were sure of this, and I informed that we were fairly reasonably certain that these were the people McDowall had spoken with, but that the only way we could be 100% sure could be to call Representative McDowall and ask him, and I doubted that the Bureau would want us to do this.

On Sunday night, December 19, 1948, at 7:10 p.m., Mr. Fletcher again called me at home and stated that ALEX CAMPBELL had informed the Bureau that HEWITT had at one time appeared before an INS hearing of some kind and had stated that he attended many Communist meetings with ALGER HISS. Apparently HEWITT told YERGAN that he had told this to INS. Mr. Fletcher stated that we should immediately interview YERGAN but we should not interview HEWITT, since HEWITT has said that he would not tell this to anybody else. Mr. Fletcher stated that YERGAN should be interviewed at once, and I told him that we would make every effort to conduct this interview but that a blizzard has been raging all day, transportation is all tied up, and I doubted if by the time we can locate YERGAN'S whereabouts if it would be possible to interview him. He stated

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that if of course we could not interview YERGAN that night, we should arrange to interview him the first thing Monday morning, December 20.

I immediately called the office and spoke with Ed Stiles, supervisor on duty, and informed him of the Bureau's request. I asked him to call Special Agent Joseph M. Kelly and ask him to see if YERGAN'S whereabouts could be ascertained so that he could be interviewed. It was recommended that undoubtedly Section 7 would be able to throw some light on YERGAN'S address.

A. J. TUOHY,  
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At 2:20 p.m. today Special Agent Jack Danahy telephonically advised that he presently is in the company of GEORGE HEWITT who has furnished him with the following information:

HEWITT met ALGER HISS in 1937 or 1938 at a Party meeting, the purpose of which was a discussion of the Negro question and the Communist Party infiltration into the West Indies. They met in an apartment house near West 21st Street. (Agent Danahy and HEWITT at the moment are looking in the neighborhood to locate the specific address). Present at the meeting, according to HEWITT, were J. PETERS, ROSE WORTIS, JACK STACHEL, TED BASSETT, MAX STEINBERG, BILL LAWRENCE, and the two HISS brothers, DONALD and ALGER. HEWITT says he could recognize either HISS now. He also met both ALGER and DONALD HISS on one occasion in Washington about 1940, he believes, on the occasion of an organizational meeting of the National Negro Congress. They met in the rear of one the Congress halls. 35 or 40 others were present. (HEWITT is furnishing a lot of names among those in attendance). Both ALGER and DONALD HISS were at this meeting. ALGER left after a very short time. HEWITT did not know either of them by name. He has never spoken with them. He thought they were CI agents--international agents of the Communist Party whose duty it is to observe at these meetings and to report back to Moscow.

HEWITT has told the foregoing to STOKES, a Negro investigator for the HCUA. He was thereupon told by STOKES to report to the Federal Court House last Friday, December 17. When he arrived he saw the place cluttered with newsmen and photographers, including a representative of the Daily Worker. He ran out of the meeting but met STOKES in the building. STOKES took him to the Hotel Pennsylvania, where Representative McDowall ordered an executive session of the Committee. By this time HEWITT was "fed up." He refused to be sworn in and would make no statement whatsoever to McDowall. He was supposed to go at one o'clock today with STOKES to find the house near West 21st Street where he saw ALGER HISS in attendance at a CP meeting.

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In 1937 or 1938, according to HEWITT, he was approached by STACHEL and STEINBERG, the latter at the time being Organizational Director of the New York State CP. They told him they had an "organizational job" (a goon job) to do on somebody. They showed him a picture of this person on whom ~~he~~ he was supposed to do the job. It was a picture of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS who, according to STACHEL and STEINBERG, was an undercover FBI agent working in the Communist Party. They told him that CHAMBERS would be lured to Buffalo, New York, where the job would be done on him.

Later, according to HEWITT, by pre-arrangement he met a girl in front of a restaurant (location not presently recalled) who handed him an envelope containing \$3,000. He was told to deliver it to HENRY WRIGHT, a leader of the CP in Buffalo's Fifth Ward. This individual has a long Buffalo and Detroit PD record. He is a Negro about 40 years of age, greyish eyes, about 6' tall, slightly protruding teeth. HEWITT, when he found out that he was to deliver money and not merely instructions, would have no part of the job. He returned the money to the girl. Thereafter he was no longer held in too high esteem by the CP, and shortly thereafter he broke with the Party.

The foregoing information was conveyed to H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau at 2:40 p.m. today by ASAC Belmont, who subsequently also furnished the information to T. J. Donegan. Mr. Donegan was also advised that the agents have HEWITT with them and are proceeding to the office. He said that he would want a Grand Jury subpoena served on HEWITT.

A. J. TUOHY,  
Special Agent



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MEMORANDUM:

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
PERJURY, ESPIONAGE-R.

Mr. VANDEVENTOR, News Commentator, WOR, called the writer in reference to LAWRENCE DUGGAN'S suicide. He stated he had contacted Mr. B'UMENHAUS, Foreman, of recently adjoined Federal Grand Jury, who told him that FBI might be able to give him help and guidance on the matter.

VANDEVENTOR was told by the writer that he was sorry he was unable to help him in the matter.

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MEMORANDUM:

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At 5:30 p.m., December 17, 1948, H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau called with reference to the contemplated interview with FRANCIS B. SAYRE. He pointed out that SAYRE was scheduled to arrive at Hoboken, New Jersey, on the S. S. New Amsterdam at 8:00 a.m., Sunday, December 19, accompanied by his secretary, ANNABELLE NEWCOMB, and that they were scheduled then to depart from New York City for Washington by 11:30 a.m. train. He said that he had just received a call from Ken Delavigne of the Washington Field, who informed him that he had received a call from this office directing the Washington Field Office to interview SAYRE and NEWCOMB in Washington on Sunday. He asked why we were not interviewing them in New York as originally planned; furthermore, if this new procedure of interviewing them in Washington met with the approval of T. J. Donegan. He stated that it is important that we interview them before the HCUA people interview them, and that it is likewise important that they be served with a Federal Grand Jury subpoena before they are served with a HCUA subpoena.

I advised Mr. Fletcher that we had been in conference with Mr. Donegan on this matter and that it was his considered opinion, as it was ours, that it would not be judicious to attempt to interview SAYRE in the short time he is in New York Sunday morning. The boat would undoubtedly be met by numerous members of the press and quite possibly it might be met by HCUA investigators for the purpose of issuing a HCUA subpoena on these people; normally there is considerable confusion attendant upon a boat docking from Europe, and this fact alone, as well as the other circumstances surrounding SAYRE'S arrival, make it extremely doubtful that we could conduct an intelligent interview. Mr. Fletcher requested that I again check with Donegan to find out if he is sure that it will be satisfactory to interview SAYRE and NEWCOMB in Washington.

After checking with Donegan I called Mr. Fletcher and advised him that the No. 1 feature of this matter is to get a Grand Jury subpoena served on NEWCOMB and SAYRE before any other body serves a subpoena on them; that we have this all arranged, even to the point of obtaining a Coast Guard cutter to take the Deputy Marshal out to the boat in the Lower Bay so that we feel

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that we will beat the HCUA to service. With respect to the interview, Mr. Donegan stated that if it is possible to get SAYRE alone and conduct a dignified interview, that we should do so, but that he doubts that there will be sufficient time in which to conduct the interview that will be necessary in this matter. I told Mr. Fletcher that it had been decided that we would have agents present and attempt to get SAYRE alone and at least partially interview him so that it can be said then that the FBI had talked to SAYRE about this matter. Mr. Donegan stated that if investigators from the HCUA are present and attempt to interview SAYRE, and that a tug of war might result which would be embarrassing for the Bureau, that the agents should bow out. Mr. Donegan stated that thus far this battle is between the HCUA and the Department, and he does not want the FBI engaging in a fracas with the HCUA investigators on board boat. Mr. Fletcher was further advised that we would have to have our actions conform to whatever the situation is upon the arrival of the boat; at the present time it was our plan to be the first to speak to SAYRE<sup>and</sup> if we could not interview him at least we would speak with him and arrange for an interview at the earliest possible moment. He stated that as long as this is what Mr. Donegan wanted it would be satisfactory.

Special Agents F. D. O'Brien and T. G. Spencer were advised of the foregoing and were requested to follow the outlined procedure as thoroughly and as efficiently as possible.

A. J. TUOHY,  
Special Agent

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MEMO:

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Detective PRITCHARD, 16th Squad, NYCPD, 345 W. 47th St. telephonically contacted the writer at 11:20 PM 12/20/48 and advised that LAWRENCE DUGGAN, 2 W. 45th Street, President, INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION had commit suicide at 7:20 PM this evening by jumping from the window of his office located in Room 1604 of 2 W. 45th Street, and the body was presently in Roosevelt Hospital. PRITCHARD stated that DUGGAN did not leave any suicide note behind him.

PRITCHARD said he called this to our attention as a newspaperman told him that DUGGAN was subpoenaed or involved in the investigation being carried on by the FBI or HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES of that "Russian Stuff."

A.J. McGrath  
Special Agent

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There is enclosed a list of names contained on eleven sheets of paper, which names represent persons and corporations who have owned Woodstock typewriters and have had the same repaired at the Philadelphia Agency of the Woodstock Typewriter Company during the approximate period 1940 to 1946.

The list has been furnished by Mr. JOHN GALLAGHER, who advised that he prepared the list from repair records of the Woodstock Agency prior to the time the original records were destroyed in 1946. Mr. GALLAGHER stated that there are a number of names contained in the list who would have purchased typewriters during 1927 at which time THOMAS GRADY was a salesman for the Woodstock Agency. GALLAGHER also advised that he was repairman for the Woodstock Agency at the time GRADY was employed during 1927. GALLAGHER was manager for the Agency at the time it was discontinued in 1946.

It is requested that the Milwaukee Office arrange expeditiously that the enclosed list be exhibited to THOMAS GRADY at Wauwatosa, Wisconsin and that GRADY be asked to identify any names on the list whom he can recall having sold a Woodstock typewriter to during 1927. This information should immediately be furnished to the Philadelphia Office which is currently attempting to narrow down the range of serial numbers of Woodstock typewriters sold during 1927 and within which range the typewriter sold to Fansler-Martin will appear.

The notations appearing on the list should have no bearing in connection with the review requested by GRADY.

The list should be returned to the Philadelphia Office after it has been exhibited to GRADY.

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